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**REPLY BRIEF FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §134**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer dated July 24, 2007, Appellants file herewith a Reply Brief under 35 U.S.C. §134 and 37 C.F.R. §41.41.

Independent claims 1, 14, and 19 are all directed to methods of forming an undergarment, where each claim recites, in part, that the "subassembly" or "stretchable laminate" has "a periphery that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment".

The Examiner's Answer asserts that "the garment of Gluckin is an undergarment whether it is a full, half, or partial undergarment as broadly claimed since an

undergarment is a garment that is worn under another outer garment". See page 7, lines 18-20.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 14, and 19 appears to be based on the assertion that half an undergarment or a partial undergarment is the same as an undergarment.

Appellants respectfully submit that this assertion is simply not reasonable.

During patent examination, the pending claims must be "given \*>their< broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification." *In re Hyatt*, 211 F.3d 1367, 1372, 54 USPQ2d 1664, 1667 (Fed. Cir. 2000). However, the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claims must also be consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach (emphasis added). *In re Cortright*, 165 F.3d 1353, 1359, 49 USPQ2d 1464, 1468 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

Appellants respectfully submit that the interpretation of the "an undergarment" to be anticipated by a half or partial undergarment is simply not a reasonable interpretation of this element and is not consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach.

The claims are not directed to a method of forming half of an undergarment. Further, the claims are not directed to a method of forming part of an undergarment. Rather, the claims are directed to a method of forming an undergarment.

Further, the Examiner's Answer asserts that the claimed "an entire outer periphery of the undergarment" is interpreted as "any outer periphery on the Gluckin brassiere". See page 8, lines 5-6.

Appellants respectfully submit that this assertion is also simply not reasonable.

Again, the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claims must also be consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach (emphasis added). *Id.*

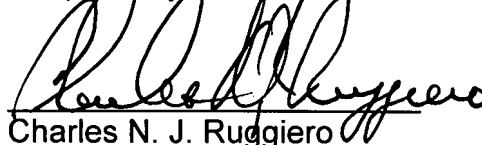
Appellants respectfully submit that the interpretation of the "an entire outer periphery of the undergarment" to be anticipated by any outer periphery of the Gluckin brassiere is simply not a reasonable interpretation of this element and is not consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach.

In view of the above, Appellants submit that the half or partial undergarment of Gluckin does not expressly or inherently describe the identical invention in as complete detail as is recited by claims 1, 14, and 19.

In summary, Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Appeals reverse the final rejections of claims 1 through 23, thereby enabling all of the pending claims to be allowed.

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